

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HUMBLE, et al.
Serial No.: 10/688,675
Filing Date: October 17, 2003
Confirmation No.: 2628
Group Art Unit: 3739
Examiner: Rosiland Stacie Rollins
Title: **SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING A
PROTECTIVE COVER FROM A MEDICAL
INSTRUMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.